Kolar District.—Report not received.

Hassan District.—There was a light fall of rain in many parts of the district during the week.

Markets are fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no rain in the district during the week except at Channagiri which had 25 cents. Markets are fairly supplied.

Standing crops are reported to be in a fair condition. Paddy crop is reported to have withered in parts of Shikarpur Taluk.

Prospects of the season are fair.

No change in the food situation.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs are available in all the markets in sufficient quantities to meet the local demand. There appears to be no likelihood of the high prices going down.

Makki paddy, in the Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk, requires rain.

Chitaldrug District.—There was no rain in the district during the week except at Challakere where the fall gauged only 20 cents.

Dry crops in the taluks of Hiriyur, Challakere and Molakalmuru have greatly suffered for want of rain. The white jola crop which has come up well so far requires only an inch of rain without which it would also suffer badly. The price of local rice has gone up by Rs. 2 a palla owing to large export of the same to the British frontier on the Challakere and Molakalmuru side due to the removal of restrictions on the transport of controlled grains within five mile belt. The prices of other grains which should have fallen continue as before also for the same reason.

General (By Food Controller).—The Bangalore District had some little rain in all its taluks. There has been practically no rain in the other parts of the State. It is however very badly required for the standing crops. The paddy crops in parts of the Bangalore and Shimoga Districts is reported to be withering for want of rain.

The supply of food grains in the markets throughout the State is reported to be adequate but the prices continue to rule high. In the Bangalore City the price of ragi has gone up by a couple of rupees per cart-load.

It is understood that the price of rice (new crop) in the Delta Districts of the Madras Presidency is Rs. 17 per palla. Some of the Bangalore merchants have, it is learnt already gone to the Krishna District to purchase and import large quantities of rice. The import of this rice will, it is expected, bring down the price of local rice also.

The Provincial Grain Depot is continuing to issue Burma rice to Co-operative Societies, merchants and individuals for domestic consumption. The retail sales of Burma rice in the three Municipal Test Depots continue.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Revised Rules 5 and 21 of the Mysore State Life Insurance.

READ—Letter No. 4696, dated 15th October 1920 from the Secretary, State Life Insurance Committee forwarding for sanction the appended revised rules 5 and 21 of the Official Branch Rules necessitated by the adoption of the procedure of issuing policies after instead of before, payment of the first premium.

ORDER No. Fl. 3580-629—G. F. 99-20-2, *dated 4th December* 1920.

Sanctioned.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Rule 5.—The age of the proposer shall be taken to be the age at his last birthday or next birthday, whichever may be the nearest to the date on which the *first premium is paid.* If it be equidistant, it shall be taken to be the age at his last birthday.

Rule 21.—When a proposal for insurance has been accepted, the Secretary shall, without delay, give notice thereof to the proposer through his official superior and call upon the proposer to pay the first premium in cash into a Government Treasury within the date specified in the said notice and to send the treasury receipt therefor to the Insurance Office for issue of policy. On receipt of the said treasury receipt, a policy shall be prepared in the prescribed form signed by the Secretary and forwarded to the insured by registered post.

The date of payment of the first premium shall be the date of the policy and shall be entered in the poicy by the Secretary. If the proposal has been rejected or otherwise dealt with, the Secretary shall communicate the same to the proposer through his official superior.

If the first premium is not paid as above laid down, the Secretary shall call upon the proposer through his immediate official superior te explain the delay, and if within three months from the last due date for payment of the said first premium, it should be proved to the satisfaction of the President and Secretary that the delay was due to causes other thanthe illness of the proposer, he (the Secretary) may order the payment of all the premiums due from the first due date. In cases of delay exceeding three months and in all other cases in which the reason for delay is not considered satisfactory, the policy shall be issued after the production of a medical certificate similar to the one on which the policy was originally issued. The fee for obtaining such a certificate shall be paid by the proposer which shall be for an ordinary medical certificate of good health, 5 per cent of the monthly pay of the proposer subject to a minimum of one rupee and maximum of 5 rupees and for a detailed medical certificate, 10 per cent of such pay subject to a minimum of 3 rupees and a maximum of 15 rupees.